

St. Peter Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 P.M.

Members present: Fr. K, Mike Jany, Linda Webb, Andy Pesaresi, Joe Morris, Jackie Kiser, Bob Klitzman, Bill Girton & Tommy Murray. Also present was Rachel Morris

Members absent:

Meeting opened with prayer led by Bob Klitzman at 6:29 P.M.

1. Bob Klitzman welcomed Jackie & Mike to the Council. Rachel will email them the Parish Council bylaws.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.
3. Andy reviewed the results from the Parish Survey with the Council. Please see attached report. The results from the parish were low. If another survey is done in the future, it is the hope that the parish will have a higher participation. Discussion was held on how we can get the Parish more involved. The Council thanked Andy for his efforts.

A. Committee Reports:

Building & Maintenance:

1. Joe gave a brief report on the building and maintenance issues. The fans in the Church are currently being replaced. The heat in the vestibule has been repaired along with a water leak in the working sacristy sink. We are still waiting on the roof quotes from Andy Guljas at the Diocese. As soon as they are received, they will be shared with the Council. The second collection each month is being collected for the Improvement fund to help with the roof. In the Spring, the water damaged chimney will be removed from the Religious Education Center to aid with the water damage. A new high efficiency furnace will have to be installed and vented outside the building because of the chimney being removed. The cost of this will be cheaper than the redo of the chimney.

Cemetery:

1. Andy reported the repair of the stones in the Cemetery that are damaged will be done in the Spring. Dan McKinley will be doing the work. Bob was asked who does the Cemetery mowing. Andy told him that Greg Zellers does the mowing and snow removal at the Cemetery and Church. A comment from a parishioner was made to Andy about how nice our Cemetery looks and also with the past weekend snow storm, it was noted that Greg did a wonderful job clearing the snow for Mass. Tommy informed the Council that the flag needs to be replaced. We have one flag in the office and Bill also has a flag that he would like to donate to the Cemetery. A flag will be given to Tommy for the replacement.

Social:

1. Jackie will be replacing Dan Murphy on the Social Committee. Some ideas from the surveys were shared with Jackie. She will follow up and see what can be planned for our Parish. Mike has been added to the Ecumenism Committee.

Education:

1. Fr. K reported that all teachers for the Religious Education year have been secured and are doing well. The Way of the Cross is planned for students & teachers during Lent. There is also a Reconciliation service planned. We currently have 5 people in RCIA, 3 returning Catholics and 2 non-baptized participants. They are meeting on Wednesday evenings because of everyone's schedules.

Liturgy:

1. Linda Webb will train new servers in grades 4, 5 & 6. Rachel will coordinate with Linda on how many kids are interested in attending the training. Fr. K would like to see a mother/daughter or father/son serving team. Something will be placed in the bulletin advertising for adults to also be trained. Linda would also like to see a Mass where our kids participate in the readings, greeting/ushering and serving. Rachel & Linda will work with the RE teachers and ask for volunteers. Linda will also

check with the RE teachers and see if a grade would like to volunteer to do the Stations of the Cross as a class during Lent.

4. Fr. K reported on another quote received for the installation of cameras in the Church. The bid was obtained from DeGroot Technology. The Council had a question about how clear the cameras will be. It was suggested that we give the quote to Adam Bennett and ask him to answer any questions that the Council has.

4. Rachel gave a brief update on REALM to the Council. The program allows our parishioners to update their own personal information and track their contributions. Anyone wishing to participate can be sent an invitation to join.

5. Linda Webb brought up an idea for the Council to consider for the Dorothy Gilsinger fund. The Fund was created to help those in need. Rachel shared with the Council what was donated in 2018. Linda would like to see \$200 given to the middle school for a program that helps with snacks during the day for students that may need a little something to eat in the afternoon to help them function. The Council approved the money to be sent to Ryan Dickinson at the school.

6. Rachel shared that t-shirt sales for the Roof Fundraiser have all been distributed to those who ordered. The consensus was positive from parishioners. We are waiting on a bill from Webb Printing for the shirts to determine what the profit was.

7. Fruitful Harvest 2018 is doing very well at St. Peters. We have a goal of \$41,056 and a pledge amount of \$57,260.00.

The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Rachel Morris

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 P.M.

St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Survey Summary

After several months of the survey being out, we have received six. The parish did not respond very well. There were a couple key points in the surveys that we should know. They are as followed:

1. **Liturgy-** The parish would like to hear music that they know. They feel people would get more involved in singing. Also more information from the pulpit. They do like to be informed.
2. **Youth-** The parish feel the youth programs need to be intriguing. They know they will not go to the Catholic Church just because their parents went there. We need to find a way to entice the youth toward the Catholic Church.
3. **Communication-** We need to communicate to the parish. They feel that they are not informed enough. They would like to see the minutes in the bulletin.
4. **Fundraisers/Community-** There were some different things mentioned for this. Lock- ins, hosting guest speakers, and Christians Mothers resurrected. These are just a few items that were common in the responses.

These are the key points that we need to discuss and figure out. Maybe another survey would be good after a few months into the year and the parish feels better informed.